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*Carol*  
Mr. Edward L. Gaylord, President  
Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce  
200 Skirvin Tower  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 December inviting me to address the Regional Strategy Seminar on Saturday morning, 18 February, and to speak at the Annual Dinner of the Reserve Officers Association in the evening of the same day.

As I told Governor Edmondson, Mayor Norick and Major Jennings, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to come to Oklahoma City on this occasion. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

Your courtesy in asking me to be with you is indeed appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in these events.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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December 21, 1960

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

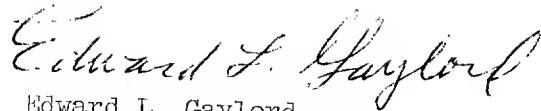
We do hope you will accept our invitation to address the Regional Strategy Seminar in Oklahoma City the morning of Saturday, February 18, 1961.

We also unite with officials of the Reserve Officers Association in inviting you to schedule your stay in Oklahoma City so that you may speak to the Annual Dinner of the ROA that evening, February 18. You can be assured of a large understanding and appreciative audience in each instance.

You will receive a letter from our mayor, Hon. James H. Norick, honorary chairman of the Seminar with some details. Our governor, Hon. J. Howard Edmondson also joins us in urging you to accept this invitation.

You will honor us with your coming. This will give our people an opportunity to personally and publicly express to you our appreciation for the great contribution you are making to the welfare of our country. Please come.

Sincerely yours,



Edward L. Gaylord  
President

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P. S. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.